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(c) whether by these orders the Gudivada Taluk Board is obliged to close thirty elementary schools now; and

(d) whether the Government propose to give sufficient grants to the Board to maintain all the existing elementary schools at least?

A.—(a) & (b) The subsidy due to the taluk board for elementary education has not been reduced.

(c) & (d) The Taluk Board, Gudivada, has, on its own responsibility, opened a number of elementary schools in recent years, when there was not sufficient recurring surplus in the Elementary Education Fund to provide for their maintenance, resulting in a large deficit in that fund. Of these schools, six are girls' schools opened in centres with a population of 2,000 and above and the question of sanctioning a subsidy in respect of them is under consideration in connexion with the budget estimate for 1929-30. The Government have not been able to sanction any special subsidy in respect of the other schools, and have asked the taluk board to avoid the deficit in the Elementary Education Fund by curtailing expenditure.

Appointment of Andhras to colleges in Andhra districts.

* 1899 Q.—Mr. C. Ramasomayajulu: Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Local Self-Government be pleased to state whether the Syndicate of the Andhra University passed a resolution that whenever possible Andhras alone ought to be appointed to all posts in the colleges of the Andhra districts and communicated the same to Government?

A.—The Government received a letter from the Registrar, Andhra University, written under the directions of the Syndicate, stating that it was essential that the staff in Government colleges in the Andhra University area should remain an Andhra staff using the word 'Andhra' in a geographical sense and requesting that transfers of members of the staff in those colleges might not be made to places outside the University area.

Mr. K. V. R. Swami:—"May I know whether the Government propose to comply with the request of the Syndicate?"

The hon. Dr. P. Subbarayan:—"The department of education is one. The exigencies of the department and its activities have to be taken into consideration before coming to a conclusion."

Appointment of Andhras in the office of the Director of Public Instruction.

* 1900 Q.—Mr. C. Ramasomayajulu: Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(a) the number of posts in the office of the Director of Public Instruction carrying salaries of Rs. 100 and upwards;

(b) how many of them are held at present by Andhras; and

(c) the reasons for the inadequate representation of the Andhras if any in the matter of the said posts?

A.—(a) Thirty.

(b) & (c) The Government will call for the information.